

**Senate Study Bill 3136 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
HUMAN RESOURCES BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON EDLER)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to qualifications for maximum benefit amounts  
2 from the state food assistance program.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES — FOOD ASSISTANCE  
2 — MAXIMUM BENEFITS. The department of human services shall  
3 amend its administrative rulers pursuant to chapter 17A  
4 relating to categorical eligibility for food assistance  
5 benefits to provide that a qualified household that includes  
6 an individual under eighteen years of age, an individual  
7 sixty-five years of age or older, a disabled individual as  
8 defined by 42 U.S.C. §1382c, as amended, or an individual  
9 enrolled in an eligible institution as defined in section  
10 261.35, as at least a half-time student, as that term is  
11 defined by rule of the college student aid commission, shall  
12 qualify for the maximum benefit amount applicable to the  
13 household's size and gross monthly income limits under 7 U.S.C.  
14 §2011 et seq.

15 EXPLANATION

16 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
17 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

18 This bill relates to qualifications for maximum benefit  
19 amounts from the state food assistance program.

20 The bill provides that the department of human services  
21 shall amend its administrative rules pursuant to Code chapter  
22 17A relating to categorical eligibility for food assistance  
23 benefits to provide that a qualified household that includes an  
24 individual under 18 years of age, an individual 65 years of age  
25 or older, a disabled individual as defined by federal social  
26 security laws, or an individual enrolled in a postsecondary  
27 educational institution which meets the requirements of the  
28 provisions of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965 for  
29 student participation in the federal interest subsidy program  
30 and the requirements prescribed by rule of the college student  
31 aid commission, as at least a half-time student, shall qualify  
32 for the maximum benefit amount applicable to the household's  
33 size and gross monthly income limits as allowed under federal  
34 law.